

b3 *cont* an outwardly facing first abutment surface;

a second housing defining a bore of a shape similar to said exterior surface of said first housing and adapted to slideably receive said first housing therein;

R1 a second load bearing member coupled to said second housing and defining an outwardly facing second abutment surface opposite to said first abutment surface; [and]

biasing means for urging said first and second load bearing members away from one another in response to a load being imposed upon at least one of said first and second abutment surfaces; and

at least one slip lining positioned between said first housing exterior surface and a bore wall defining said second housing bore.

Claim 8

Sub F3 8. (Amended) The assembly of claim 4 [further comprising];
a2 wherein the compression spring includes:

at least two springs; and

a plate positioned between the springs, separating the springs from one another.

Claim 9

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Claim 10

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Claim 11

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Claim 12

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Claim 13

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